The Delaware economy is experiencing a skills gap...  

50% of jobs in Delaware require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.  

43% of Delaware workers are trained at this level.  

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Delaware's key industries, like:  

- science and technology  
- food and agriculture  
- manufacturing and logistics  
- education and health care  

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Delaware, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, Delaware had:  

30,293 secondary CTE participants  

9,811 postsecondary CTE participants  

These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.  

2,873 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Delaware (2016-17)  

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Delaware to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved learners, have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.  

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!